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*This Farm Reporter contains the results from the following surveys. Thanks for your help!*

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## December Milk Prices

Wisconsin farmers received an average price of \$18.00 per hundredweight (cwt.) for their milk in November 2010, up \$2.20 from November 2009. The December 2010 price is expected to decrease \$1.40 to \$16.60 per cwt.

The expected U.S. milk price for December is \$16.80 per cwt., \$1.10 lower than last month, but 20 cents more than Wisconsin's price. All 23 of the major milk producing states are expecting their December price to be lower than November's price. California and Idaho are expecting the lowest price in the country, at \$14.60 per cwt.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$1.3425 per pound on December 31, while barrels were \$1.3400 per pound. The CME butter price was \$1.6700 per pound.

For the week ending December 25, 2010 the National Agricultural Statistics Service U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.4238 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.3899 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$1.6425 per pound.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Class III price for December is \$13.83 per cwt.

## Milk Prices 1/

Selected states	November 2009		November 2010		December 2010	
	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
WI	15.80	3.77	18.00	3.80	16.60	3.80
CA	14.17	3.77	15.49	3.77	14.60	3.83
ID	14.80	3.75	16.10	3.78	14.60	3.81
MI	15.60	3.70	19.20	3.76	18.20	3.78
MN	16.20	3.83	17.60	3.84	17.00	3.85
NM	14.90	3.66	17.90	3.74	16.60	3.75
NY	16.00	3.79	19.40	3.84	18.40	3.86
PA	16.80	3.80	20.20	3.85	19.30	3.85
TX	16.00	3.81	19.20	3.92	18.20	3.96
US	15.40	3.77	17.90	3.81	16.80	3.83
WI utilization						
Grade A milk	15.80	3.76	18.00	3.80	XXX	XXX
Grade B milk	15.40	4.00	16.40	4.00	XXX	XXX

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. All milk price published by NASS reflects the gross milk price received by farmers. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

## Dairy Products, Production by Selected States and U. S.

Item and area	November 2009	October 2010	November 2010	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds		Percent	
CHEESE				
American Cheddar	331,593	363,022	350,261	+6
WI	53,649	51,871	49,000	-9
CA	24,742	27,172	26,395	+7
ID	47,391	46,437	45,677	-4
MN	39,858	39,832	37,918	-5
US	248,976	273,568	264,105	+6
Brick & Muenster	10,609	10,560	10,685	+1
Cream & Neufchatel	73,066	75,808	72,987	n.c.
Hispanic Mozzarella	16,507	16,934	17,502	+6
WI	71,050	73,437	73,400	+3
CA	99,221	107,504	110,622	+11
US	279,105	292,007	299,748	+7
Parmesan	19,617	15,279	17,112	-13
Provolone	28,229	28,828	29,406	+4
Ricotta	24,397	25,449	26,919	+10
Romano	3,617	3,150	2,677	-26
Other Italian types	4,021	4,519	4,904	+22
Total Italian				
WI	102,338	106,252	106,533	+4
CA	109,548	116,515	118,712	+8
US	358,986	369,232	380,766	+6
Swiss	27,133	29,823	27,854	+3
All other cheese	21,638	26,473	29,504	+36
Total cheese				
WI	216,258	224,457	217,186	n.c.
CA	170,856	182,832	188,878	+11
ID	69,107	72,665	70,722	+2
NY	63,344	65,452	67,152	+6
US	839,532	891,852	889,559	+6

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

## Record Commercial Red Meat Production in November

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.33 billion pounds in November, up 9 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in November 2009.

Beef production, at 2.24 billion pounds, was 11 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.88 million head, up 11 percent from November 2009. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,299 pounds.

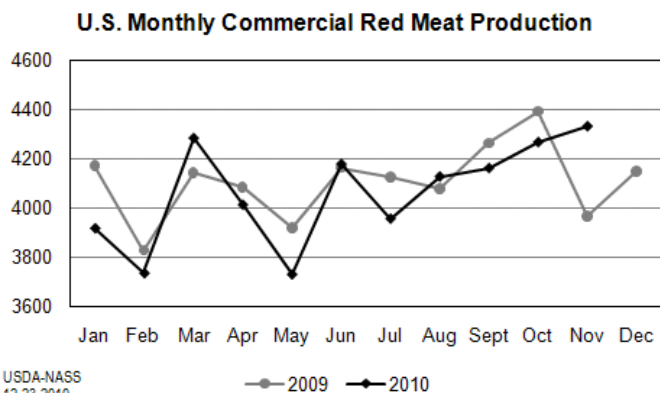
Veal production totaled 11.3 million pounds, 4 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,900 head, down 10 percent from November 2009. The average live weight was up 23 pounds from last year, at 269 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.07 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.97 million head, up 5 percent from November 2009. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was down slightly from November 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 218,000 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, unchanged from November a year ago.

January to November 2010 commercial red meat production was 44.7 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

November 2009 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.



## Commercial Red Meat Production, United States 1/

Type	Nov. 2009	Oct. 2010	Nov. 2010	Jan - Nov. 2/		Change from last year
				2009	2010	
	Million pounds					Percent
Beef	2,016	2,238	2,236	23,831	24,044	+1
Veal	12	11	11	125	123	-2
Pork	1,922	2,003	2,068	21,014	20,380	-3
Lamb & mutton	14	13	14	155	149	-4
Total red meat 3/	3,964	4,265	4,329	45,125	44,695	-1

1/Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

## Commercial Slaughter 1/, November 2010

Species	Wisconsin	Change from last year	U. S.	Change from last year
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
Cattle, all	151.6	10	2,876.4	+11
Calves	7.9	2/	72.9	-10
Hogs, all	41.8	17	9,970.2	+5
Sheep and lambs	0.9	n.c.	218.0	-1

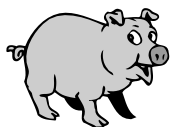
1/Excludes farm slaughter. 2/Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

## Cold Storage Stocks, United States

Commodity	November 30, 2009	October 31, 2010	November 30, 2010	Change from last year
				Percent
1,000 pounds				
CHEESE				
American	583,056	638,911	625,637	+7
Swiss	24,254	28,705	29,320	+21
Other natural	354,435	368,015	351,319	-1
Total	961,745	1,035,631	1,006,276	+5
BUTTER	142,661	108,809	70,023	-51
FROZEN				
Beef	430,913	414,647	440,960	+2
Pork	482,816	481,653	469,421	-3
Chicken	659,326	734,540	767,392	+16
Turkey	244,480	410,161	175,845	-28

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

## U.S. Hog Inventory Down 1 Percent



Wisconsin's hog and pig inventory was 340,000 head on December 1, 2010, down 10,000 head from December 1, 2009. Breeding hog inventory, at 45,000, was down 5,000. Market hog numbers also declined 5,000 head from last year to 295,000 head.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2010 was 64.3 million head. This was down 1 percent from December 1, 2009, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2010. Breeding inventory, at 5.78 million head, was down 1 percent from last year but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.5 million head, was down 1 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter.

Wisconsin's annual pig crop, December 2009-November 2010, was 786,000 head, a 7 percent decrease from the previous year. Sows farrowing during the same period totaled 86,000 head, down 8 percent. Pigs per litter averaged 9.14, compared to 9.05.

The September-November 2010 US pig crop, at 28.2 million head, was down slightly from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, down 2 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.89 for the September-November 2010 period, compared to 9.70 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

To access the entire hog report go to:  
[www.nass.usda.gov/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/).



## Hogs and Pigs on Farms, December 1

Selected states	Breeding 2010	Change 2010/09	Market 2010	Change 2010/09	Total hogs 2010	Change 2010/09
	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent
WI	45	-10	295	-2	340	-3
IL	480	n.c.	3,820	+1	4,300	+1
IN	290	+4	3,360	+1	3,650	+1
IA	1,020	n.c.	17,880	-1	18,900	-1
MI	110	n.c.	930	-4	1,040	-4
MN	560	n.c.	7,140	+8	7,700	+7
NC	840	-10	7,960	-8	8,800	-8
US	5,778	-1	58,547	-1	64,325	-1

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

## Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Annual 2010

Selected states	Sows farrowing 2010	Change 2010/09	Litter rate 2010	Pig crop 2010	Change 2010/09
	1,000 head	Percent	Number	1,000 head	Percent
WI	86	-8	9.14	786	-7
IL	1,050	+5	9.51	9,988	+5
IN	570	+5	9.50	5,416	+5
IA	1,880	-4	9.93	18,662	-1
MI	209	-5	9.82	2,053	-3
MN	1,100	-2	10.10	11,113	n.c.
NC	1,915	-10	9.73	18,638	-9
US	11,555	-3	9.78	112,989	-1

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

## U.S. Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory December 1



## Prices Received by Farmers

Prices in Wisconsin for steers and heifers, beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, calves, corn, soybeans, and potatoes increased from November to December, while prices for milk, oats, and alfalfa hay decreased during the same period. Prices for other hay remained at the same level as in November.

Corn in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$5.02 per bushel in mid-December. This was a gain of 65 cents over the previous month's price and \$1.56 over the price in December 2009. Nationwide corn prices averaged \$4.94 per bushel in mid-December.

The average price for Wisconsin soybeans was \$11.50 per bushel in mid-December, 70 cents more than the November price and \$1.50 more than in December 2009. Across the United States soybeans sold for an average of \$11.70 per bushel in mid-December.

Wisconsin oats averaged \$2.18 per bushel in mid-December, 57 cents less than in the previous month but 17 cents more than in December 2009. Nationally, mid-December oat prices averaged \$2.74 per bushel.

Alfalfa hay in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$95.00 per ton as of mid-December, down \$10.00 from the previous month and \$15.00 from December 2009. The mid-December average price for other hay types was \$70.00 per ton. This was level with the November price, but \$15 less than the price in December 2009.

Steer and heifer prices in Wisconsin averaged \$95.40 per hundredweight (cwt.) in mid-December, up \$2.60 from the previous month and \$19.90 from December 2009. The average price for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, at \$53.00 per cwt., increased \$1.50 from November and \$11.00 from December 2009. Calves sold for \$149.00 per cwt. in mid-December, \$5.00 more than in November and \$22.00 more than in December 2009.

At the national level steers and heifers sold for an average price of \$104.00 per cwt., beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter averaged \$54.20 per cwt., and calves sold for an average price of \$128.00 per cwt. in mid-December.

### Prices Received

Commodity	Unit	Wisconsin			U.S.	
		Dec. 2009	Nov. 2010	Dec. 15, 2010	Dec. 2009	Dec. 15, 2010
		Dollars			Dollars	
Milk cows 1/	Head	-	-	-	-	-
Steers and heifers	Cwt.	75.50	92.80	95.40	83.80	104.00
Cows 2/	Cwt.	42.00	51.50	53.00	43.50	54.20
Calves	Cwt.	127.00	144.00	149.00	105.00	128.00
Milk, all	Cwt.	17.00	18.00	16.60	16.50	16.80
Corn	Bu.	3.46	4.37	5.02	3.60	4.94
Oats	Bu.	2.01	2.75	2.18	2.22	2.74
Soybeans	Bu.	10.00	10.80	11.50	9.80	11.70
Potatoes, all 3/ 4/	Cwt.	8.80	9.15	9.45	7.47	8.52
Fresh	Cwt.	6.30	10.60	-	6.19	-
Processing	Cwt.	11.40	7.45	-	8.17	-
Alfalfa hay, baled	Ton	110.00	105.00	95.00	109.00	121.00
Other hay, baled	Ton	85.00	70.00	70.00	96.20	94.60
Wheat, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	4.87	7.05
Winter Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	4.68	6.85
Barley, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	4.54	3.98
Dry Edible Beans 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	31.20	25.00
Apples, fresh use 5/	Lb.	-	-	-	0.28	0.30
Hogs, all 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	45.00	51.90

1/Milk cow prices are published quarterly for January, April, July, and October. 2/Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 3/Entire month. 4/Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 5/Mid-month. Monthly estimates for wheat, barley, dry beans, apples, and hogs are not published for Wisconsin. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

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